(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to check infiltration of foreign terrorist groups into the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Government have seen the report published in the News-time of 11th June, 1989 titled "India a heaven for foreign terrorists". Concerned agencies of the Central and the State Governments are taking appropriate security measures in this regard. A cconstant vigil is kept on the movement of supected terrorist elements.

Review of Taxes on the Food processing Sector

222. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANACE be pleased to state :

<a) whether it is a fact that the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested a review of taxes on the food processing sector as it is a high cost industry ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the suggestion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A number of tax concessions have been given during the last three years to the food processing industry. It has not been found possible to agree to further concessions as suggested by the Federation.

Measures to protect Forest Areas from overgrazing

223. SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state the short-term and long-term measures undertaken by Government for protecting forest areas from overgrazing ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): The New National Forest Policy, 1988 has laid down the strategy to be adopted regarding overgrazing in forest areas. The short-term measures include levying of adequate grazing fees to discourage people in forest areas from maintaining large herds of non-essential livestock. The long-term measures include regulation of grazing with the involvement of the community and full protection to special conservation areas, regeneration areas and young plantations.

Infiltration into J and K from Pakistan

224. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of subversive elements are infiltrating into Jammu and Kashmir from Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government against such infiltration ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : ! (a) and (b) The entire J & K border is under the operational control of the Army and apart from Army units, BSF battalions are deployed for assisting the Army. The army and BSF are vigilant on the border and are taking all measures to prevent entry of illegal persons through the border.

Violence by Extremists in Punjab during the President's Rule

225. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents of violence by extremists has increased in Punjab during the President's Rule;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons killed and injured by extremists since the imposition of the President's Rule;

(c) what are the reasons for this spurt in extremist violence in the State; and

(d) what steps have been taken to find a solution to the Punjab problem at the political level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM):(a) to to(c) Incidents of exrremist violence, mostly in the border districts have continued to occur in Punjab. According to available information, between 12th May, 1987 to 10th July, 1989, 3147 persons have been killed and 1951 had been injured due to extremist violence.

(d) The Prime Minister has constituted a Cabinet Sub-Committee to work out the modalities for discussion with Opposition leaders to find a solution to th3 problem within the framework of the Constitution. The Committee under the Chairmanship of the External Affairs Minister has studied all aspectts of Punjab problem. It has also held two rounds of discussions with representptives of Political parties at Chandigarh on 12-4-1989 and at Delhi on 5-5-1989.

Killing of Newspaper Agents,

आयकर से बिहार को वार्षिक आमदनी

226. श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि वेतन भोगियों, उद्योगपतियों और व्यापारियों से प्राप्त आय-कर से बिहार सरकार को कितनी वार्षिक आमदनी होती है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में व्यय विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बी. के. गहलोत) : आयकर राज्यों के बीच वित्त आयोग की सिफारिशों के आधार पर बांटा जाता है और आयकर संग्रह के विभाज्य पूल की एक निश्चित प्रतिशतता होती है। वर्ष 1938-89 के लिए बिहार का प्रतिशत हिस्सा 12,085 था । तदनुसार, वर्ष 1988-89 में कर संग्रह के संशोधित अनुमानों के आधार पर बिहार को अनन्तिम तौर पर 329.61 करोड़ रुपए दिए गये थे। हिस्सों का अन्तिम रूप से समयोजन, यथासमय भारत के नियंत्रक और महालेखा परीक्षक द्वारा प्रमाणित वास्तविक संग्रह के आंकड़ों के आधार पर किया जाएगा ।

Hawkers etc. in Punjab

227. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI MATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) what is the number of newspaper agents and hawkers killed